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SENT PRIORITY BERLIN 462, PRIORITY DEPARTMENT 2218, PRIORITY  
USAREUR 360, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON, PARIS, MOSCOW, USAFE  
UNNUMBERED.

REFERENCE BERLIN'S 778 JANUARY 17, AND USAREUR'S SX 1315  
JANUARY 18.

1. THREE EMBASSIES TODAY AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS OF POLITICAL  
ADVISERS BERLIN REGARDING NEXT ROUND WITH KOTSIUBA, I.E.,  
THAT RECOMMENDATION (1) BE TRIED FIRST TO BE FOLLOWED BY  
RECOMMENDATION (2) IF NECESSARY (PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH  
BERLIN'S REFERENCE TELEGRAM). IF KOTSIUBA STILL INSISTS ON  
SOVIET STAMPS, POLITICAL ADVISERS SHOULD MERELY SAY THEY  
MUST REFER BACK TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES AND WILL COMMUNICATE  
WITH HIM FURTHER, BUT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HIS "DEAD-  
LINE" OF JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1 CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

2. IT ALSO AGREED THAT POLITICAL ADVISERS SHOULD SEE KOTSIUBA  
AS SOON AS MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED AND THAT FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL  
POINTS (USAREUR'S REFERENCE TELEGRAM) COULD BE MADE TO HIM  
AT POLITICAL ADVISERS' DISCRETION, DEPENDING UPON TREND  
DISCUSSION TAKES:

(A) TRAIN COMMANDERS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT LEAVE SIDE OF THEIR  
TRAINS;

(B) THEY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PERMIT DOCUMENTS OUT OF THEIR SIGHT;

(C) THERE NO REPEAT NO VALIDITY TO OBJECTION TO TRAVEL IN ONE  
DIRECTION BY AUTOBAHN AND IN OTHER BY MILITARY TRAIN,

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SINCE THIS HAS BEEN COMMON PRACTICE AND INVOLVES ONLY ONE ROUND TRIP.

3. WE SAID WE BELIEVED THAT, IN VIEW FACT US TRAIN COMMANDERS AND MP GUARDS HAVE THIRTY-DAY MOVEMENT ORDERS INSTEAD OF ONES VALID FOR ONLY ONE ROUND TRIP, US POLITICAL ADVISER SHOULD MENTION THIS TO KOTSIUBA, POINTING OUT WHY WE WISH CONTINUE SUCH PRACTICE. BRITISH AND FRENCH HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS. BUT BRITISH SAID THEY BELIEVED THEIR TRAIN CREWS HAD SEPARATE ORDERS FOR EACH ROUND TRIP. FRENCH DID NOT KNOW PRACTICE ON FRENCH TRAINS. IF TRIPARTITE CONSULTATION AT BERLIN REVEALS THAT BRITISH AND FRENCH CREWS HAVE SEPARATE ORDERS FOR EACH ROUND TRIP, AND IF KOTSIUBA MAKES ISSUE OF THIS POINT, IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO DEFEND UNILATERAL US PRACTICE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD USAREUR AGREE IF NECESSARY TO FOLLOW BRITISH-FRENCH PRACTICE? WE HAVE GIVEN BRITISH AND FRENCH NO REPEAT NO INDICATION THIS MIGHT BE DONE).

4. BRITISH CONCURRENCE IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 ABOVE SUBJECT TO LONDON'S APPROVAL BUT NO DIFFICULTY ANTICIPATED. WE WILL ASSUME DEPARTMENT ALSO CONCURS UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY BY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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